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NIACT

Two Embassy officers, Edwin L. Sweet and William G. Friedemann, Assistant Legal Attaches, were arrested last night by DIER agents and kept under detention from about 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at DIER headquarters. They were addressed by Major Raul Castro who accused them of meddling in the internal affairs of Cuba and with conspiracy and espionage. He stated that they would be released to leave the country, and that when they "returned with U.S. Marines", they would be shot. Details are given in telegram 217 from Legal Attache to FBI, Washington.

Embassy is making vigorous written protest to Ministry of Foreign Relations and has informed press agencies this being done. Incident receiving wide publicity here as another instance of U.S. conspiracy against Cuban revolution.

Legal Attache has assured me his office not engaged in any counter-revolutionary activites. He has informed his head office.

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